

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-71 remain in this application. Reconsideration is requested.

In response to the grouping of the claims into 13 groups of allegedly unlinked inventions, claims 16, 19, 22 and 26 have been amended to depend from claim 1, claim 30 has been amended to be consonant in scope with claim 1, and claims 35, 42, 46, 48, 53, 54 and 57 have been amended to depend from either claim 30 or claim 35.

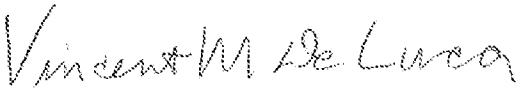
37 CFR 1.475(b) provides that “a national stage application containing claims to different categories of invention will be considered to have unity of invention if the claims are drawn only to one of the following combinations of categories: . . . (4) A process and an apparatus or means specifically designed for carrying out the said process.” Here, claims 1-29 and claims 30-71 are related as a process and apparatus for carrying out the process respectively. Hence, under the applicable rule, 37 CFR 1.475(b)(4), the present application must be considered to have unity of invention. Withdrawal of the restriction requirement is thus indicated based on Rule 475(b).

Additionally, the assertion that each grouping has a separate general inventive concept that is not shared with any other grouping also is traversed. Each of the claims is directed to the same inventive concept of depositing at least one of the group of listed materials on a bond coat deposited on a substrate, to form a deposition of a thermal-insulating layer on the bond coat.

To comply with 37 CFR § 1.143, Applicants elect Group I, presently consisting of claims 1-29 and 58-71, with traverse for the reasons presented above.

**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, examination on the merits of claims 1-71 is requested.  
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